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***AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR
YOUTH CAMP EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) Each youth camp
2 licensed pursuant to chapter 368r of the general statutes shall require
3 an individual to submit to a state and national criminal history records
4 check if the individual is: (1) Employed by the camp, (2) volunteering
5 at the camp, (3) applying for a paid or volunteer position at the camp,
6 or (4) affiliated with the camp and responsible for transporting any
7 child attending the camp in a motor vehicle. The criminal history
8 records checks required under this subsection shall be conducted in
9 accordance with section 29-17a of the general statutes.

10 (b) The cost of the state and national criminal history records checks
11 required under subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by the youth
12 camp.

13 Sec. 2. Section 19a-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

15 To be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a youth camp license
16 pursuant to this chapter, the camp shall satisfy the following
17 requirements: (1) The location of the camp shall be such as to provide
18 adequate surface drainage and afford facilities for obtaining a good
19 water supply; (2) each dwelling unit, building and structure shall be
20 maintained in good condition, suitable for the use to which it is put,
21 and shall present no health or fire hazard as so certified by the
22 department and the State Fire Marshal or local fire marshal, as
23 indicated by a current fire marshal certificate dated within the past
24 year and available on site when the youth camp is in operation; (3)
25 there shall be an adequate and competent staff, which includes the
26 camp director or assistant director, one of whom shall be on site at all
27 times the camp is in operation, activities specialists, counselors and
28 maintenance personnel, of good character and reputation; (4) prior to
29 assuming responsibility for campers, staff shall be trained, at a
30 minimum, on the camp's policies and procedures pertaining to
31 behavioral management and supervision, emergency health and safety
32 procedures and recognizing, preventing and reporting child abuse and
33 neglect, and a criminal history records check shall be conducted for
34 such staff in accordance with section 1 of this act; (5) all hazardous
35 activities, including, but not limited to, archery, aquatics, horseback
36 riding and firearms instruction, shall be supervised by a qualified
37 activities specialist who has adequate experience and training in such
38 specialist's area of specialty; (6) the staff of a resident and nonresident
39 camp shall at all times include an adult trained in the administration of
40 first aid as required by the commissioner; and (7) records of personal
41 data for each camper shall be kept in any reasonable form the camp
42 director may choose, and shall include (A) the camper's name, age and
43 address, (B) the name, address and telephone number of the parents or
44 guardian, (C) the dates of admission and discharge, and (D) such other
45 information as the commissioner shall require. Any youth camp
46 licensed under this chapter shall operate only as the type of camp
47 authorized by such license. Such camps shall not advertise any service
48 they are not equipped or licensed to offer. The license shall be posted

49 in a conspicuous place at camp headquarters and failure to so post the
50 license shall result in the presumption that the camp is being operated
51 in violation of this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	19a-422

Statement of Purpose:

To require criminal history records checks for youth camp staff.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]